

Our Daily Bread

Sliced Thin by The Editor

Alex. H. Washburn

Peace Looms in

Belieged Berlin Northern Winter

Probably as good a time as any to cheer up the American public is when a great blizzard is sweeping the nation from California to Florida — and the foreign news has handed us a prize package, indeed.

Russia wants peace, Joe Stalin told Western correspondents in Moscow yesterday.

He wants the United States and Russia to publicly announce they have no intention of making war on each other, to sign such a pact — and then Russia and the West will jointly abandon the blockade and counter-blockade which have paralyzed Berlin and threatened the whole world with new war.

Uncle Joe won't have any trouble out of the United States on that score if he means what he says. But if the Russians gather around another conference table just for the purpose of raising insoluble problems and wasting time, then the Allied counter measures which are giving the Reds trouble on their side of the German line will be pursued vigorously from now on.

There is no good and valid reason why East and West haven't been able to write a satisfactory peace for the Germany territory — now in the first time it looks as though Russia is ready to talk business.

If true, it's the best news since VE and VJ days.

Winter down South — and it's familiar music to Northern-born folks to hear the scurrying snowshovels on street curbside sidewalks. Familiar — but not good news.

Mr. Spring, you can't take it away — and make it soon, please.

Says Budget Can Easily Be Reduced

Washington, Jan. 31. — (AP) — Chairman Cannon (D-Mo.) of the House appropriations committee said today without a doubt, he will be able to reduce President Truman's \$41,638,000,000 budget.

"But how much and whether the cut will be large enough to avoid a tax increase," he said, "nobody can tell."

Senator Taft (R-Ohio) said in a broadcast yesterday that federal state and local taxes now approximate \$60,000,000,000 — or nearly 27 per cent of the nation's income — and he declared:

"We don't hold government down, we are going to kill the whole free enterprise system."

Taft, chairman of the Senate Republican policy committee, proposed again a \$3,000,000,000 to \$5,000,000 cut in the president's budget.

Cannon said such statements "cannot be influenced by partisanship." He challenged the GOP leader to say specifically what government agencies and functions he would discontinue.

Studies already made by the appropriations subcommittees have disclosed certain areas where expenditures can be trimmed, Cannon said. He added, however, that it is impossible for anybody at this time to estimate with any accuracy the total savings that can be made.

Mr. Truman, in his budget message, forecast a deficit for the fiscal year beginning July 1 and asked for a \$4,000,000,000 hike in taxes. It would fall largely on corporations. The proposal has met a cool reception in Capitol Hill and a bi-partisan economy bloc, led by Senator Byrd (D-Va.) now is organizing for a drive to trim the spending figure.

Meanwhile, Democratic leaders have postponed a showdown on the proposed tax increase until Congress first has approved the money it is going to appropriate. They apparently fear defeat for a tax boost unless they can show this is essential to keep the treasury out of the red.

White House

Repairs to Run High

Washington, Jan. 31. — (AP) — It may cost \$6,000,000 instead of the originally estimated \$1,000,000 to repair the White House.

Commissioner W. E. Reynolds of the Public Building Administration today said yesterday that engineers found more things wrong than expected. Defects were so "fantastic," he said, that the White House could have collapsed at any time.

Reynolds explained the high price of repairs by saying it costs two to three times more to remodel a building than it does to replace it.

Original cost of the White House, plus its maintenance from about 1900 to the time it was burned by the British in 1914, is estimated at \$233,207 by Esther Singleton in a book titled "The Story of the White House."

Rebuilding the executive mansion after its destruction by fire in 1914 was estimated by the same source at about \$246,000.

Crew Accused of Tossing Captain Into the Sea

Caracas, Venezuela, Jan. 31. — (AP) — Crewmembers of the tiny sailboat Antonio Carballo were accused today of tossing their captain and a life raft overboard while the vessel was near the African coast.

The complaint against mutiny was filed by the vessel's owner. It was lodged against the crew when the sloop arrived at La Guaira from Fernerite, Canary Islands. Venezuelan security officials are investigating the case.

U. S. Develops More Powerful Atom Bomb

By FRANK CAREY
A. P. Science Reporter

Washington, Jan. 31. — (AP) — The United States has new atomic bombs which have much more explosive energy than the old ones.

The atomic energy commission, which has tested previously that it had developed more powerful weapons than those dropped on Japan or at Bikini, announced it outright today in its fifth semi-annual report to Congress.

And it said "further developments are now in progress."

It related for the first time that the three weapons tested at Eniwetok last spring demonstrated "a substantial gain in (explosive) energy release" over previous models.

Chairman David Lilienthal made it clear at a news conference that as used in this report, the term atomic means "bomb."

But he declined comment when asked whether the United States is seeking to obtain atomic weapons other than bombs.

The commission told Congress it took steps during 1948 to protect its major plants against sabotage and to provide for the emergency defense of vital facilities against attack.

But it said "production and improvement of atomic weapons" has continued to receive its major attention. And in that department is reported "important advances" in making atomic materials and weapons, as well as in developing new designs.

It said study of the three highly secret atomic tests conducted at Eniwetok in the spring of 1948 "have firmly established that a substantial gain in energy release was obtained."

And it indicated that its new designs are in production for the nation's atomic stockpile, by noting that the Eniwetok tests "pointed the way to the production of new weapons," then adding:

"In order to take full advantage of these achievements, a considerable expansion of the production program was required."

Reporting an "expansion and improvement all along the atomic energy development chain from the mines to the ultimate use made of fissionable material," the commission said:

"By the year's end the United States atomic energy program had attained a momentum which, if sustained, the commission believes will maintain and increase the nation's lead in atomic energy development."

And the commission hinted at details undisclosed in the 212 page report, commenting:

"The report is prepared against a background of world affairs which makes it necessary for the American people to maintain self-imposed restraints on the dissemination of a vast amount of data acquired since the beginning of the atomic energy enterprise in 1939."

The commission disclosed "increased production of fissionable materials uranium 235 and plutonium at lower cost," he said.

"The amount of these materials available is a significant measure of the national wealth."

"It determines how many atomic weapons the American people can build for defense and the number of power of atomic machines, nuclear reactors—that can be operated for application of the new energy to all parts of our national life."

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Arkansas Newsman Awarded French Decoration

Nuernberg Jan. 31. — (AP) — Two American newspapermen have been awarded the Croix de Guerre with palm by the French government for their "outstanding services rendered during the liberation of France in 1944."

They are Ernest C. Deane of (321 East Hill street) El Dorado Ark. and Eugene Phillips of Royston Ga. both wartime army majors.

Deane a former public relations officer with Gen. George S. Patton and with the international military tribunal in Nuernberg is a former instructor of journalism at the University of Arkansas.

Phillips is Deane's successor as public information officer at Nuernberg. He is a former Atlanta Ga. newspaperman.

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Hoover Urges Congress to Give President Authority to Reorganize Government

Seeks Way to Push Truman Program

By EDWIN B. HAAKINSON

Washington, Jan. 31. — (AP) — Democratic leaders in Congress sought today to line up a brisker schedule for pushing the Truman program through the law-making machinery.

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There now are 1800 bureau commissions, divisions, departments, administrations and offices in the federal government, Hoover said. Opinions vary as to whether the number reporting directly to the president is 65 or 94 or 101.

The former president's recommendations—none yet in specific detail—were submitted in a statement prepared for the house committee on executive expenditures.

This committee is conducting hearings on an administration bill granting permanent and sweeping reorganizing powers to the chief executive.

Hoover urged that the powers be vested in the president because it is hopeless to expect congress to investigate and legislate out the vast details of duplications and conflicts in federal agencies.

His appearance before the committee was in advance of the full report of the commission or reorganization of the executive branch of the government.

The commission of which Hoover is chairman was created by the 80th congress.

Hoover said there was no intention to interfere with the jurisdiction of the so-called regulatory agencies such as the Interstate Commerce Commission and the Federal Trade Commission.

But he did propose that they be properly belonging in the executive branch.

There have been mounting demands in this congress to exempt the ICC the Federal Trade Commission and a number of other agencies from the bill's provisions. The bill as it came from the administration specified there would be no exceptions.

Medina Won't Disqualify Himself

New York, Jan. 31. — (AP) — Federal Judge Harold R. Medina today said he would not disqualify himself from hearing a challenge to the jury-picking system here by counsel to 11 indicted top U. S. Communists.

At the same time, Medina denied a motion that all other judges in the southern federal district of New York be disqualified from hearing the motion. Defense counsel contend that the method of picking jurors here is discriminatory.

Medina's action was the fifth time since the trial opened Jan. 17 that he has refused to disqualify himself or the other jurors from hearing the challenge.

His latest denial came after defense counsel filed evidence maps purporting to substantiate their claim of discrimination in the jury-picking system.

The defense contends the jury-picking system discriminates in favor of the rich against the poor and members of minority groups. Therefore, they claim, the indictment against the Communists, all members of the American party's national committee, should be thrown out.

The Communists are charged with conspiring to advocate the overthrow of the U. S. government.

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Truman-Stalin Meet Seems Likely

By EDDY GILMORE

Moscow, Jan. 31. — (AP) — Prime Minister Stalin's latest pronouncement has convinced many Russians their leader is going to meet President Truman. Foreign diplomats here are much more cautious — even doubtful.

The question: "Will Stalin and Truman meet?" is the gambit for many conversations among the Muscovites today and the answers follow the same pattern: "I believe they will."

An American newsman asked Stalin in writing:

"Would your excellency be prepared to confer with President Truman at a mutually suitable place to discuss the possibility of concluding such a pact of peace?"

Stalin's reply yesterday was: "I have already stated before that there is no objection to a meeting."

One foreign diplomat commented: "Truman has said he'll be glad to meet Stalin in Washington anytime. Now Stalin says there is no objection to meeting, but notice, the answer is general. It does not specify where, or even at a mutually suitable place."

The Russian leader also said the Soviet government would be willing to discuss a joint declaration of peaceful intentions and gradual disarmament.

(Stalin has said previously that he would be willing to meet with Mr. Truman. The president in any time the Soviet leaders come to Washington. Officials in Washington pointed out however that there has been no official approach for such a meeting.)

In answer to a series of four questions, Stalin also said Russia "sees no obstacle" to lifting the Berlin blockade if the Western powers meet two conditions.

One would be postponement of the establishment of a western German state pending a meeting of the Big Four council of foreign ministers on the entire German issue. The other would be lifting of the Allied counter-blockade.

(The offer to lift the Berlin blockade if the Allies first meet in Paris to discuss the lifting of the blockade and a meeting of the foreign ministers 10 days later was vetoed by the Soviet's Andrei Y. Vishinsky.)

Stalin's statements answered questions submitted by Kingsburgh Smith, general European director of International News Service.

The statements followed by two days a Soviet 34-page white paper asserting the projected North Atlantic pact is intended to set up American-British world domination by force.

The proposed pact would link the defenses of the United States, Canada, Britain, France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg. Other western countries might be added later.

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Five inches of snow blanketed this section yesterday and last night and continued to fall lightly Monday, causing all county schools to close and slowing traffic to a standstill.

Arkansas State Police and the State Highway Department issued warnings today for motorists to make only necessary trips, and advised no traveling without chains. State police investigated at least seven accidents near Hope yesterday.

Snow followed a week that brought practically every kind of weather. Record rainfall was recorded and a cold wave over the week-end shoved the mercury down to a winter mark of 15 degrees and for the past two days the warmest temperature was 28 degrees.

The storms

Local and Personal

The 12th and 269 Between 9 A. M. and 4 P. M.

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Wednesday Miss Emma Scott, Editor and Assistant Director of Field Service for the Arkansas Education Association, was a visitor in the Hope Public Schools. Miss Scott came for the purpose of surveying a new setup in school program and is going to write an article for the March A. E. A. Journal about Hope schools.

She was impressed with the radio programs and was happy to see how different departments in the high school profit from this. Also, that children in our grade schools are participating one day a week.

This week, two radio programs were broadcast from grade schools. Tuesday the fifth grade of Brookwood School, under the direction of Mrs. Owen Atkins, gave "Arkansas On Parade."

Marion McQueen told about the work on Arkansas as displayed on the bulletin board in the room and about group work that has been done. Mary Lewis gave twenty "Did You Knows" about various interests in our state. The state symbols were reviewed when Gilbert Ross told about the state bird, the Arkansas state flower, the state song; Margaret Ann Archer about the state flag, and Janet McKenzie about the state seal.

Lenora McEwen gave the poem which made believe Arkansas is really the cinderella state which was selected by Mrs. Blanche Chevalier Junkin in recognition of Arkansas' 100th anniversary. A toast to our "Wonder State" was given by Kay Ray.

On the regular program Thursday we had three musical numbers from Mrs. Andrews' third grade in Garland, Sheila Foster played "The July Chimes" and Oliver Adams played "The Bouncing Ball." Billy Joe Schooley from Mrs. Forney Holt's fourth grade played "The Marine Hymn."

Myra Grisham from Mrs. Davis' fourth grade told about their interesting trip to Ole's Dairy last Monday morning.

An interesting report was given by Marilyn Edwards from Miss Marjorie Bell Holt's fifth grade on the body as explained to them by Mr. Tomus Hovison. Glenda Huckabee from Mrs. Brown's third grade in Brookwood told of the varied activities in connection with their health unit in their room.

The big success of the magazine sale sponsored by Oleshy Junior High was given by Helen Hall. The boys and girls of the seventh and eighth grades reserve much credit and they will feel repaid by the money books they will win when part of the money will be used for their library.

The second grade in Garland School under the direction of Mrs. Thomason will help inspire us in organizing our Safety Patrol in the fifth and sixth grades when they present a January Safety Play Monday afternoon.

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Prescott News

Monday, January 31.

The Presbyterian quarterly church Family pot-luck supper will be held at the church Monday evening. A fine program is being arranged.

Tuesday, February 1

The Prescott Musical Coterie is sponsoring a benefit bridge Tuesday at the Hotel Lawson. The afternoon games will begin at 2:30 and the evening games at 7:30. There will be four progressions of party bridge. High score and out prizes will be given. There is no age limit, teen-agers on up are cordially invited to participate. Admission will be 50c per person. There will be a tea hour for non-players from 3 to 4:30 in the afternoon and 8 to 9:30 in the evening. Mrs. J. C. to 9:30 in the evening.

The Wesleyan Service Guild of the First Methodist church will meet at 7 in the home of Mrs. Joe Smith with Mrs. Lelia Hays co-hostess.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Central Baptist church will meet Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Plans for the wedding of Miss Rachel Jean Nolen of Prescott, to Mr. John Herbert Witt, son of Mr. Carl Stanfield about the state flower; Charles Downs about the state song; Margaret Ann Archer about the state flag, and Janet McKenzie about the state seal.

Lenora McEwen gave the poem which made believe Arkansas is really the cinderella state which was selected by Mrs. Blanche Chevalier Junkin in recognition of Arkansas' 100th anniversary. A toast to our "Wonder State" was given by Kay Ray.

On the regular program Thursday we had three musical numbers from Mrs. Andrews' third grade in Garland, Sheila Foster played "The July Chimes" and Oliver Adams played "The Bouncing Ball." Billy Joe Schooley from Mrs. Forney Holt's fourth grade played "The Marine Hymn."

Myra Grisham from Mrs. Davis' fourth grade told about their interesting trip to Ole's Dairy last Monday morning.

An interesting report was given by Marilyn Edwards from Miss Marjorie Bell Holt's fifth grade on the body as explained to them by Mr. Tomus Hovison. Glenda Huckabee from Mrs. Brown's third grade in Brookwood told of the varied activities in connection with their health unit in their room.

The big success of the magazine sale sponsored by Oleshy Junior High was given by Helen Hall. The boys and girls of the seventh and eighth grades reserve much credit and they will feel repaid by the money books they will win when part of the money will be used for their library.

The second grade in Garland School under the direction of Mrs. Thomason will help inspire us in organizing our Safety Patrol in the fifth and sixth grades when they present a January Safety Play Monday afternoon.

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Fort Smith's Annexation Approved

Little Rock, Jan. 31 — (P) — Repeating a previous rule that original government surveys are not subject to attack, the Arkansas supreme court today upheld annexation of 11 square miles of territory by the city of Fort Smith.

The annexation was attacked on the ground that according to the description of the territory involved, some 36 acres in the state of Oklahoma were included. It was argued that the lines referred to do not run true north and south, but that the direction is "southerly."

But the supreme court said "in making this argument we think counsel overlooked the well-established rule that a surveyor cannot change corners established by government survey, as such fixed monuments prevail over both courses and distances."

The court also pointed out that a map of the territory annexed plainly shows the line between Arkansas and Oklahoma extending from one designated corner to the other, as set forth in the descriptions.

The high court disposed of the contention that the land annexed is valuable for agricultural purposes by citing that there are 1691 electric meters 1600 gas meters and 1033 water meters in the area and that it contains 1551 houses and 157 buildings.

In three criminal cases passed on today the court affirmed two and reversed one.

Affirmed were the conviction of C. Mortenson, Chicago, in the Garland circuit court and his sentence of five years imprisonment on a charge of false pretenses and Russell Stewart in the Sebastian circuit court and his sentence of one year imprisonment on a charge of grand larceny.

Mortenson was charged with obtaining \$9000 from the Arkansas Trust Co. Hot Springs by cashing three worthless checks through an agent, Ann Hale. Stewart was charged with stealing parts and equipment from a sawmill near Fort Smith and selling them in Muskogee, Okla.

Reversed was the case of B. W. Cameron charged with theft of lumber but convicted in Franklin circuit court on a charge of petit larceny. When the jury reported it could not decide on sentence Judge J. O. Kinscannon sentenced him to a fine of \$300 and one year in jail.

During trial the defense attorney in argument to the jury severely assailed the prosecuting witness who admitted helping load the stolen lumber. Judge Kinscannon cautioned the jury "do not be swept off your feet, you are trying Mr. Cameron not the witness" and the supreme court held that to be reversible error. It ordered a new trial for Cameron on a petit larceny charge.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Steed of Boston, route three, announce the birth of a son, Donald Wayne, on January 24 at the Cora Donnell hospital.

Miss Marjorie Anderson and Mrs. Bill Gordon entertained with a crystal shower for the pleasure of Herbert Witt of Dallas on Wednesday evening at the home of Miss Anderson.

The honoree was presented with a corsage of carnations and many lovely gifts of crystal in her chosen pattern.

A dessert plate was served to 15 guests.

Here and There in Arkansas

Little Rock, Jan. 31 — (P) — Arkansas' 1949 legislature passed and Governor McMath has signed into law a measure which may be difficult to follow.

It is Act No. 3 of 1949 which changes the date of school elections from the third Saturday in March to the second Tuesday in October.

County clerks are wondering how any elections can be held on the second Tuesday in October. I view the poll tax. There will be little time between that deadline and the second Tuesday to prepare the poll tax books to conduct the election.

Act No. 3 sponsored in the house by Rep. L. H. Aubrey, Mississippi, and R. A. Lynch, Poinsett, and in the senate by Sen. Lee Reeves, of Hermatite, was for the purpose of giving school districts more time to prepare their budgets before an election.

Little Rock, Jan. 31 — (P) — A member of the Arkansas state police force during its early days became agent in charge of the federal secret service office in Arkansas.

He is Neil Shannon, a native of Grady, who has been with the treasury department's secret service since 1940. He was with the state police at Little Rock and Pine Bluff from 1935 to 1940.

Since joining the secret service, Shannon has been stationed in Louisville, Ky.; Washington, Baltimore and Kansas City. He was a member of President Truman's guard at the president's recent inauguration.

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have some part of the Truman program ready for action late this week or early next. He mentioned extension of the reforestation trade pact program, increase in minimum hourly wages from 40 to 75 cents, or an extension of export controls.

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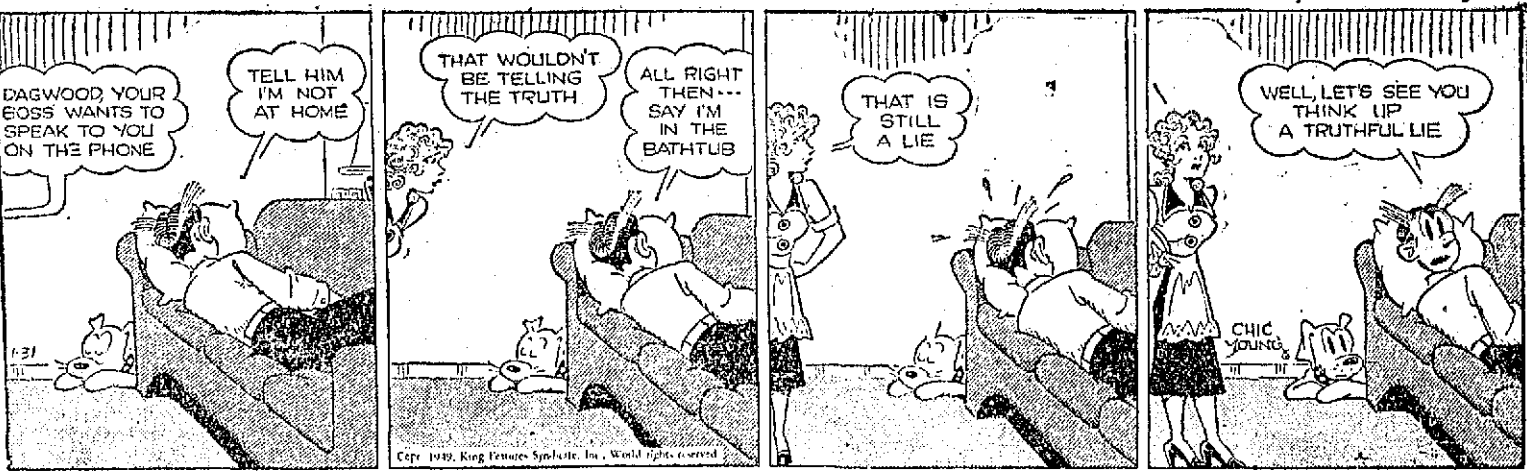
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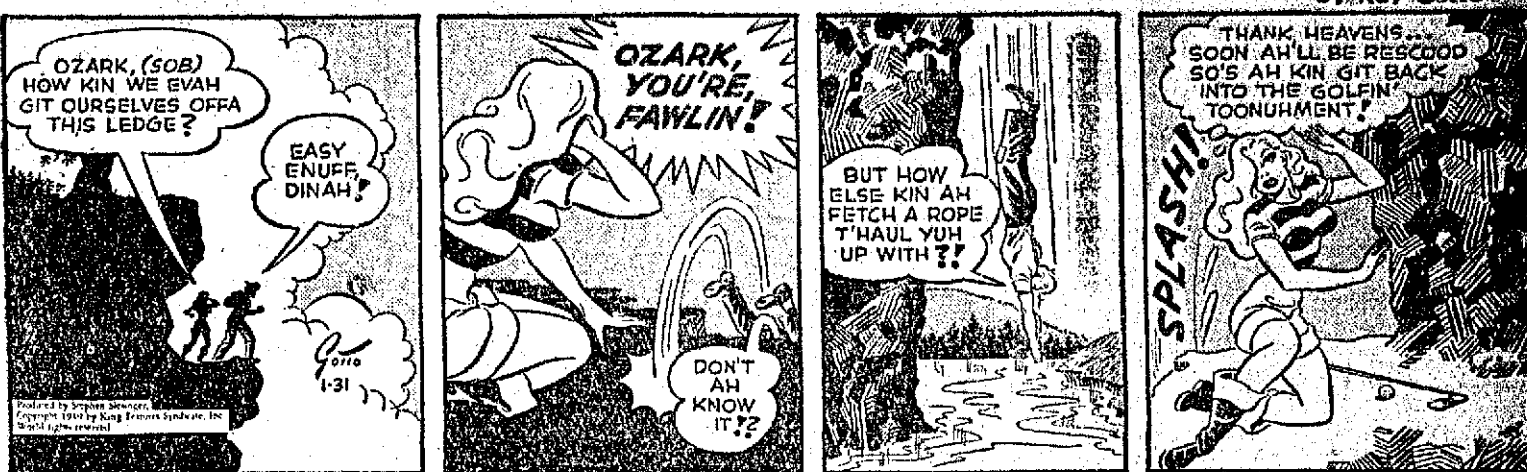
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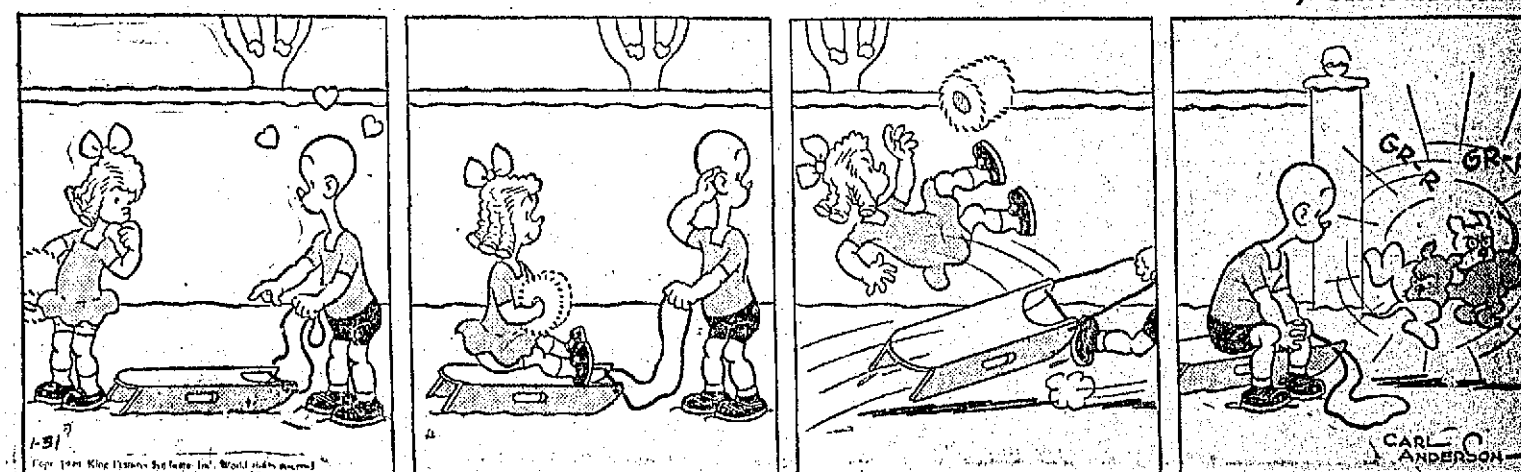
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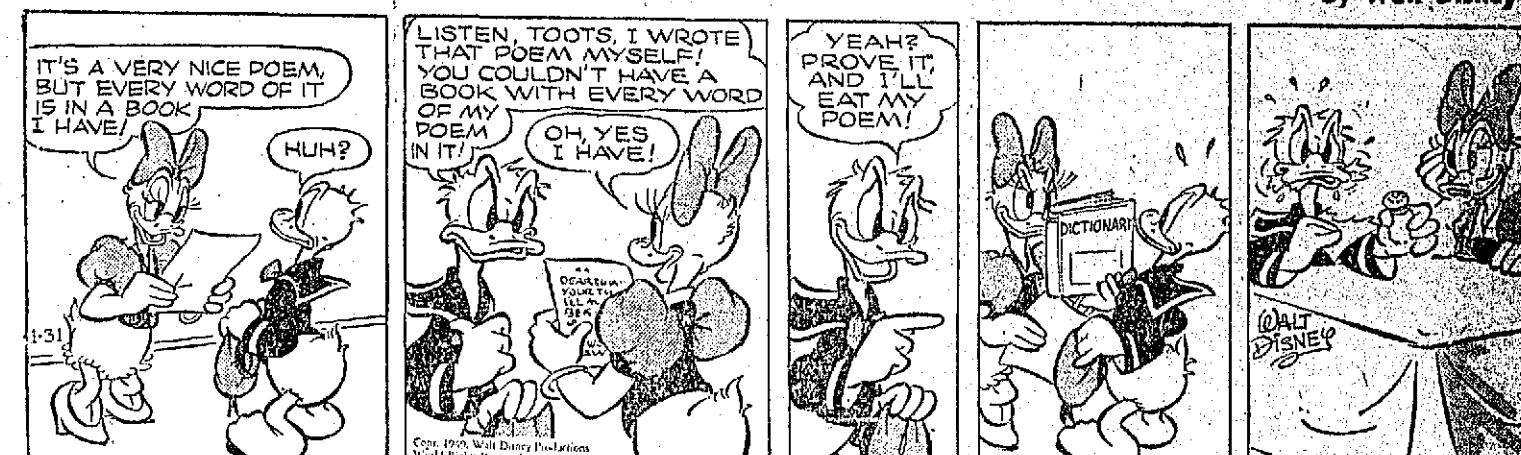
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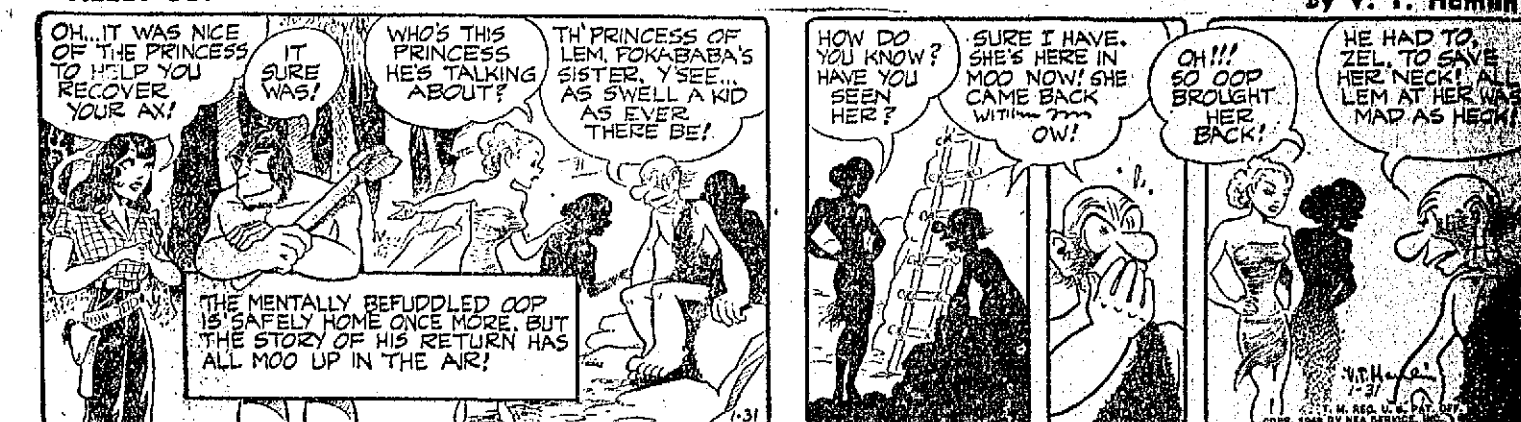
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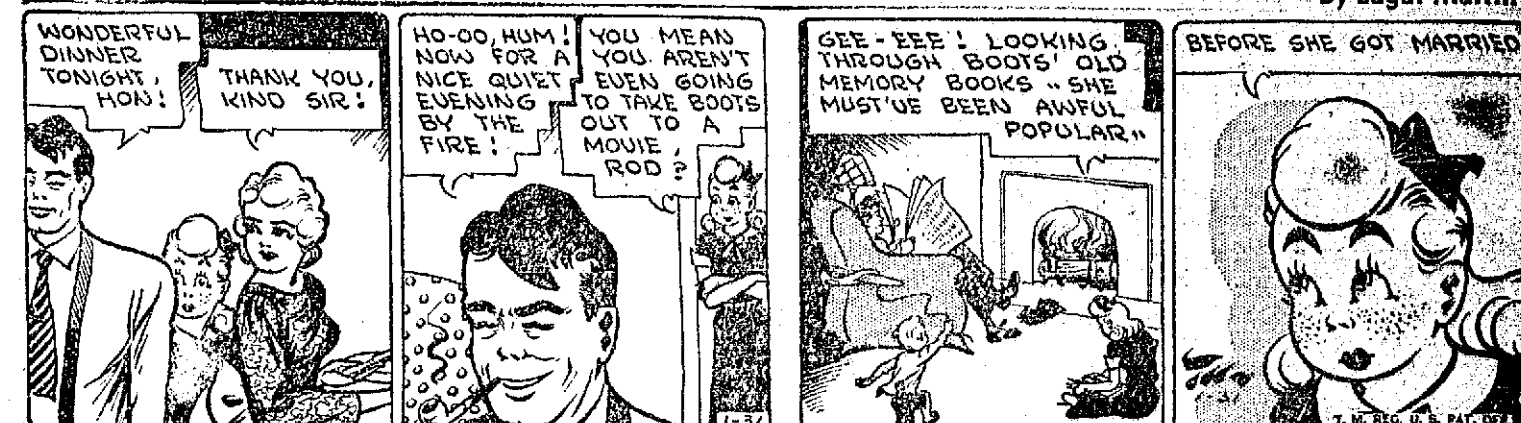
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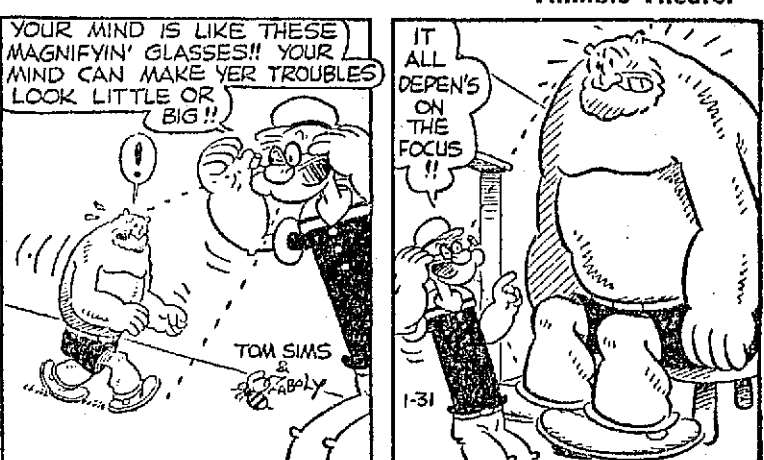
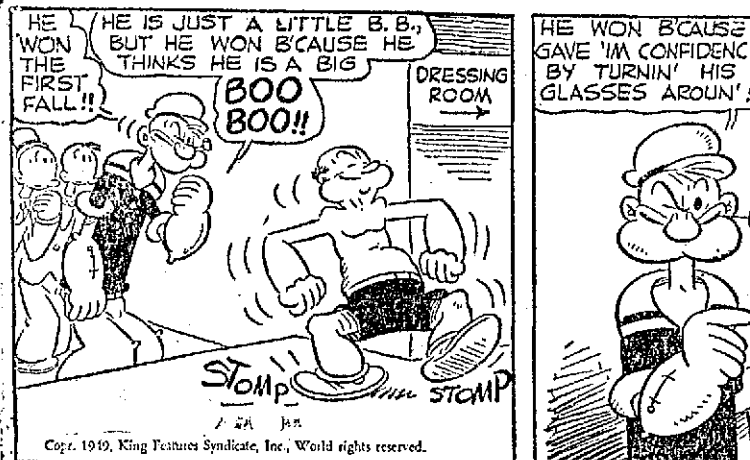


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Washington, Jan. 28—Some strong, quiet force, apparently the Catholic religion and the influence of some priests, has wrought a great change in Joe Curran, the president of the National Maritime Union, and Mike Quill, the president of the Transport Workers Union, both of whom throughout their union careers, including the war years, these two were, if not members of the Communist party, then certainly belligerent fellow-travelers. It never occurred to me to doubt that they were Communists.

Curran threw out an American sailor for offering a resolution to condemn communism equally with Nazi-fascism. Deprived of his American right to work he was followed to New York, beached from the army transport and forbidden to sail. The N. M. U. compelled this sailor's government to persecute him thus in the sole interest of the Communist element now recognized as traitors and enemies.

During this long cooperation with the Communist Curran's union first opposed our early rearmament and the draft and picketed Roosevelt in the White House, deriding him as a war monger. Much of this Communist propaganda was scurrilous. That was the Communist line until Hitler struck Stalin in 1941. Then the line changed. Now the N. M. U. violently attacked all who still hoped to keep the United States out of the war. It attacked all Americans who disagreed with Roosevelt, including me.

At one point Curran wrote me a letter in which he frankly said the war had been an imperialist aggression until Russia was attacked. It became a people's war that instant.

Curran took no part in the war although he is a robust giant of eligible age. Meanwhile, nevertheless, he campaigned noisily for the Normandy front in which tender, frightened American adolescents, must be killed, shattered or, at very best, exposed to ghastly experiences. Like Charlie Chaplin, Curran sulked at home, protected the F. D. Roosevelt's cynical union policy which enabled him, in effect, to write his own exemption.

In 1943, Curran's union honored me with two picket lines in New York. The downtown line was composed of about 2,500 nondescript, mostly typical union socialists obviously not sailors. The uptown line on Park avenue was smaller but of similar material. The demonstration stopped when I pointed out that if this union could spare up about 3,000 sailors for picket duty it was very strange that our cargo boats were short-handed.

Most of those few preferred not to march but had to lest they be tried in the N. M. U.'s kangaroo court in Manhattan center. The put a mark on their union cards union put a mark on their union cards to show that they had done their picket duty against Pegler. I had a friend at all meetings and received excellent reports throughout the war.

The late Basil Harris, a shipping magnate who had never been a sailor but was a banker and business man, was a Catholic of extraordinary devotion. He had a great respect for the Catholic Church and for the young American sailor of Polish extraction from Milwaukee who defiantly told him he was proud to be a Communist. Mr. Harris predicted that he would one day come back to the faith of his mother. He also thought Joe Curran would "come back," as he put it. Mrs. Harris sometimes visited classes or meetings at Curran's headquarters.

The N. M. U. received moral support and its data against me from the C. I. O. office workers' union, called the UOPWA. A skittish, emotional man, an immigrant from Canada, named Louis Cohen, a president of UOPWA, he had adopted the name of his mother, Mr. too, dismissed as Red baiting all reference to the Communist line.

Merrill and Mike Quill cooperated heartily in an outrageous assault on the liberties of the Catholic union, a subsidiary of the United Mine Workers, known as District 50 in New York. A secretary was planted in the office of District 50. One night, Quill's gang crashed into small secret meeting of District 50 which was organizing a rival to Quill's transport workers.

The rebellious members of Quill's union who had been caught dealing with District 50, were given a typical Moscow trial. The surprise witness was the secretary

POP Goes the QUEEN

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"I have to be on the qui vive for any of the Hollywood clan," Thelma Loomis was saying brassyly. "You not the wrong people, Miss Loomis," said Sin. "All we did was win a quiz contest."

"Welcome to Azure, sir. And now if you'll please put your John Henry right here," he said. The guest wrote, "Mr. and Mrs. John Henry." After a pause for effect, he added "Conover."

"That's right," said John Henry. "I've been here for years. I was for a setup to his little joke and now it had become a trick. The trick of the desk, then noted a number on the card the young man had filled out. "Your bags, Mr. Conover."

"They're in my car. I'll get them," Gayner wouldn't think of it. Instead he struck a chime hanging on the staircase wall behind him. A boy in a maroon field marshal uniform emerged from a junior jungle of potted palms.

"Vernon, Mr. Conover's baggage," Gayner flipped him the car keys. Of District 50 who now appeared against the employer who had trusted her in a confidential position. This incident tended to warn employers that confidential secretaries who belonged to UOPWA might conceal a higher loyalty to a nation associated with the Communist front.

Quill called slow-down omnibus strikes or traffic blockades in New York during the war, causing great hardship and real waste of rationed fuel. He was a native Irishman. He was believed to have been a Catholic originally. Curran, Quill changed and broke with the Communists in a very short time. He even disbanded the C. I. O. council in New York, which had organized a standing army of several hundred thousand men and women for picketing, rioting or any other disorder that the Communists might demand.

Within the last month the UOPWA, which once helped the maritime union to picket Pegler, picketed streets around Curran's office protesting the arbitrary spot dismissal of about 100 UOPWA clerks. The N. M. U. had taken away from the Reds out of the UOPWA still held its old political line.

Lewis Merrill disappeared from the UOPWA. James H. Durkin, previously unknown, became the new president. He claims to be a Catholic. The Rev. Charles Owen Rice, chaplain of the Association of Catholic Trades' Unionists, of Pittsburgh, in the Pittsburgh Catholic wrote him an abusive open letter in which he said "so far as I can find out you no longer live up to your faith."

Neither Curran nor Quill has ever recanted. They just changed. It's in the first row of your parking lot. "At Chevy Chase, Maryland, Tudor, John Henry recounted.

"You got the wrong people, Miss Loomis. All we did was win a quiz contest."

Miss Loomis looked blank and Sin began telling her about it. She had been chosen as one of the contestants on the Thursday night Big Bry-Ter Quiz Show in Hollywood. "The jackpot question was to identify a quotation—and I did."

"The darn thing has been building up since Bunker Hill," chuckled John Henry. "So here we are with a free vacation. Rags to riches."

Faster Pace in State College Race Indicated

Little Rock, Jan. 31—(P)—A faster pace starts this week in the grid for the Arkansas Intercollegiate conference basketball championship, and for the State Teachers College Bears the going will be tougher.

The 1948 champion Bears, currently leading the race by a scant margin, will have to win two tough games if they expect to stay on top.

The Bears have won six conference games and have dropped one. Their nearest rival, Arkansas Tech, has won seven games and lost two. Magnolia A. and M. is pressing with six wins and no defeats.

A showdown between Teachers and Tech will come off at Russellville Wednesday night.

Teachers also meets strong Arkansas State Tuesday night and plays second-division Arkansas College Saturday night.

Tech's Wonderboys will play the College of the Ozarks at Clarksville Friday night.

Arkansas State is at the top in the conference standings with 100 and San Diego (14-0) haven't been beaten and their schedules indicate it will be only a matter of time.

Winners of five straight since their two-point Sugar Bowl loss to St. Louis, the Wildcats have kept quiet about their tournament plans. But it's no secret around their Lexington campus that they'd like another shot at easy Ed McCauley and company.

Kentucky, currently rated the second best team in the country, is the defending N. C. A. champion. St. Louis, the No. 1 team, is the ruling king of the other big March tournament, New York's national invitation.

New York expects St. Louis to defend its title and the expectations appear well-founded. The Bills face a complicated setup in the N. C. A. trials in their region. First of all they'd have to win the Missouri Valley conference over Oklahoma A. & M., which already has whipped them once. The conference race conceivably could end in a tie if St. Louis takes the return engagement with the Still water crew, Feb. 26. A tie would mean a conference playoff. Then the conference winner has to play the Big Seven winner.

All this would have to transpire before the N. C. A. Western finals at Kansas City. If they survived, the Billikens still would have to place first at Kansas City

Arkansas to Play A & M This Week

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 31—(P)—The hectic Southwest conference basketball race picks up again this week and you can take your choice among Rice, Baylor and Texas as the top title favorite.

These three teams are in a virtual tie for the lead. Each has been beaten once.

Baylor, crippled by the loss of Guard Bill Johnson, has won five victories to hold a percentage advantage.

Loop play opens tonight at Fayetteville. Ark. with Texas A. and M. taking on Arkansas, a rank outsider now in the championship race.

Thursday the University of Texas Longhorns are host to Oklahoma University in an inter-sectional game at Austin.

Friday, Texas Christian plays Southern Methodist university. Dallas and San Diego (14-0) haven't been beaten and their schedules indicate it will be only a matter of time.

The slow-starting Rice Owls have hit a terrific pace of late and loom as the best possibility to replace Baylor as the conference champion.

The Owls, paced by big Bill Tom, have five of their remaining eight games at home.

Texas A. and M. picks up strength this week when Jewell McDowell, sensational freshman, becomes eligible.

Tom paces season scoring with 238 points. Julius Donics of Texas Christian leads conference scoring with 80 points.

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So it looks now as if the Bills will come back to New York. Kentucky certainly will be welcome here.

Of course, tournament time is still six weeks away and lots of the balls will drop through the hoops between now and then.

Unbeaten major teams are practically extinct. Only Villanova (12-0) and Stanford (14-0) haven't been beaten and their schedules indicate it will be only a matter of time.

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